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SUBJECT: ADAMSKI CALL ON ARMITAGE

1. VICE MINISTER FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADAMSKI CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE JULY 29. AMBASSADOR TRAMPCZYNSKI AND SZYC ACCOMPANIED. ADAMSKI SAID HIS REASON FOR COMING TO WASHINGTON AT THIS TIME WAS PRIMARILY TO VISIT TRAMPCZYNSKI ON HIS WAY BACK FROM MONTREAL OLYMPICS, WHERE ADAMSKI SAID SECURITY HAD BEEN "1000 TIMES AS TIGHT AS AT UN." ARMITAGE OBSERVED THAT NECESSITY FOR THIS SECURITY WAS MOST SHOCKING EXAMPLE OF POLITICIZATION OF OLYMPICS. ADAMSKI APPEARED TO AGREE WITH ARMITAGE THAT THE GAMES WERE AT CRITICAL POINT BECAUSE OF SUCH INTRUSION OF POLITICS AND THAT JUDGING PROCESS MAY ALREADY HAVE BEEN IMPAIRED.

2. ADAMSKI GAVE UPBEAT REPORT OF EVENTS IN POLAND MARKING AMERICAN BICENTENNIAL, WITH SPECIAL PRAISE FOR AMBASSADOR
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DAVIES'SPEECH AT WARSAW AND FOR THREE-DAY CONFERENCE ON

AMERICAN REVOLUTION ARRANGED BY POLISH ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AND POLONIA. ARMITAGE NOTED OUR APPRECIATION FOR POLISH CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR CELEBRATIONS IN BOTH POLAND AND U.S.,

WITH SPECIAL MENTION FOR TALL SHIPS. ARMITAGE ALSO HIGHLY EVALUATED RECENT VISIT OF AMERICANS TO POLAND, E.G., CODEL O'NEILL, SECRETARY SIMON AND CONGRESSMAN FRENZEL AT POZNAN FAIR. ADAMSKI AGREED ENTHUSIASTICALLY, COMMENTING THAT OUR RELATIONS WERE ALWAYS DYNAMIC. VISITS TO U.S. BY FRELEK AND OTHERS HAD ALSO HELPED DEVELOP BETTER UNDERSTANDING, HE FELT.

3. ARMITAGE CONVEYED THIS GOVERNMENT'S SYMPATHETIC OBSERVATION OF THOSE MATTERS WHICH HAD RECENTLY BEEN CAUSING ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES IN POLAND. WE UNDERSTOOD GOP EFFORTS TO PUT ECONOMIC SITUATION ON SOUNDER FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE. ADAMSKI SAID INTERNAL SITUATION IN POLAND NOW QUIET, BUT "WE HAVE TO CHANGE OUR STRUCTURE OF CONSUMPTION." QUESTION WAS ONLY ONE OF WHAT MEANS WERE TO BE EMPLOYED. COMPENSATION WHICH GOVERNMENT HAD OFFERED TO CITIZENS HAD NOT BEEN FULLY UNDERSTOOD BY CITIZENS; AND CONSULTATIONS THEREFORE HAD NOT WORKED WELL. GOVERNMENT HAD "PULLED BACK" WHEN CRITICAL OPINIONS WERE EXPRESSED. ATTEMPTED CHANGE MAY HAVE BEEN TOO BROAD AND TOO DEEP; HOWEVER, FACT REMAINED THAT NATURE OF CONSUMPTION MUST CHANGE. ONE EXAMPLE: ANNUAL PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION OF MEAT HAD RISEN FROM 27 KILOS TO OVER 70, WHICH WAS "TOO MUCH TO MAINTAIN." POLES NEEDED MORE TECHNICALLY-ADVANCED METHODS OF PRODUCTION. THEY WOULD SOLVE THIS PROBLEM WITH BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC MEANS. "IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO GAIN MORE EXPERIENCE IN CONSULTATION WITH SOCIETY." BUT ADAMSKI WENT ON TO STRESS THAT POLISH SOCIETY HAD IN FACT BEEN INFORMED OF ALL MATTERS WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE DURING "THE RECENT EVENTS."

4. ARMITAGE NOTED THAT THE CLOSER OUR RELATIONS BECAME, THE MORE INVOLVED WE INEVITABLY GOT IN PROBLEMS -- MOST OF WHICH WERE SMALL ONES. WE WERE HAPPY TO HAVE DANZIG GOLD PROBLEM BEHIND US NOW. ADAMSKI THANKED US FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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POSITION WE HAD TAKEN ON DANZIG GOLD AND ESPECIALLY FOR TIMING OF THIS SOLUTION. IT HAD POLITICAL AS WELL AS ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE, ADAMSKI CONTINUED, BECAUSE IT GAVE FURTHER PROOF OF NORMALIZATION OF OUR RELATIONS.

5. ARMITAGE MADE STRONG PITCH ON SUBJECT OF DIVIDED FAMILIES, ASKING ADAMSKI TO LOOK INTENSIVELY AT THIS DIFFICULT PROBLEM BEFORE IT HAS DAMAGING IMPACT ON OUR

IMPROVING BILATERAL RELATIONS. ADAMSKI EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION FOR DEPARTMENT'S WORK WITH CONGRESS ON

TRADE ACT TWO YEARS AGO (IN HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD), PARTICULARLY SINCE GOP HAD THEN BEEN IN PROCESS OF WORKING OUT DIVIDED FAMILIES APPROACH WITH FRG. NOW MOST DIFFICULT PHASE OF GOP'S ARRANGEMENT WITH FRG WAS BEHIND THEM, AND IT HAD BEEN SHOWN THERE WAS NO DANGER TO POLISH INDUSTRY OF ANY MASS DEPARTURES TO FRG. ALTHOUGH IT WAS VERY DIFFERENT IN SCOPE AND DEGREE OF DIFFICULTY FROM PROBLEM WITH U.S., GERMAN "ARRANGEMENT" MEANT GOP COULD NOW PAY ADEQUATE ATTENTION TO DIVIDED FAMILIES ISSUE WITH U.S., ADAMSKI SAID. HE ASSURED US THAT GOP WOULD MAKE DECISIONS IN INTEREST OF HUMAN FACTORS. POLISH SOCIETY HAD LOST SO MANY INDIVIDUALS THAT GOP HAD TO BE AWARE OF NEED TO CONSERVE HUMAN AND INTELLECTUAL RESOURCES. SOMETIMES IT WAS QUESTION OF "WHICH WAY REUNIFICATION SHOULD GO IF ONLY ONE MEMBER OF FAMILY WANTED TO LEAVE." ADAMSKI UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY OUR VIEWS TO HIS ASSOCIATES AND SUPERIORS. ARMITAGE NOTED THAT OUR DIVIDED FAMILIES PROBLEM WAS BOTH DIFFERENT AND SMALLER THAN GERMAN EMIGRATION PROBLEM, HENCE IT SHOULD BE LESS DIFFICULT TO BE MORE SATISFACTORILY RESPONSIVE TO OUR APPROACHES. IF RESOLUTION OF GERMAN EMIGRATION PROBLEM WAS HELPFUL, WE WOULD ANTICIPATE EARLY AND POSITIVE ATTENTION TO OUR PROBLEM. PROGRESS IS REQUIRED IN NAME OF AND FOR SAKE OF IMPROVED US-POLISH RELATIONS. KISSINGER

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